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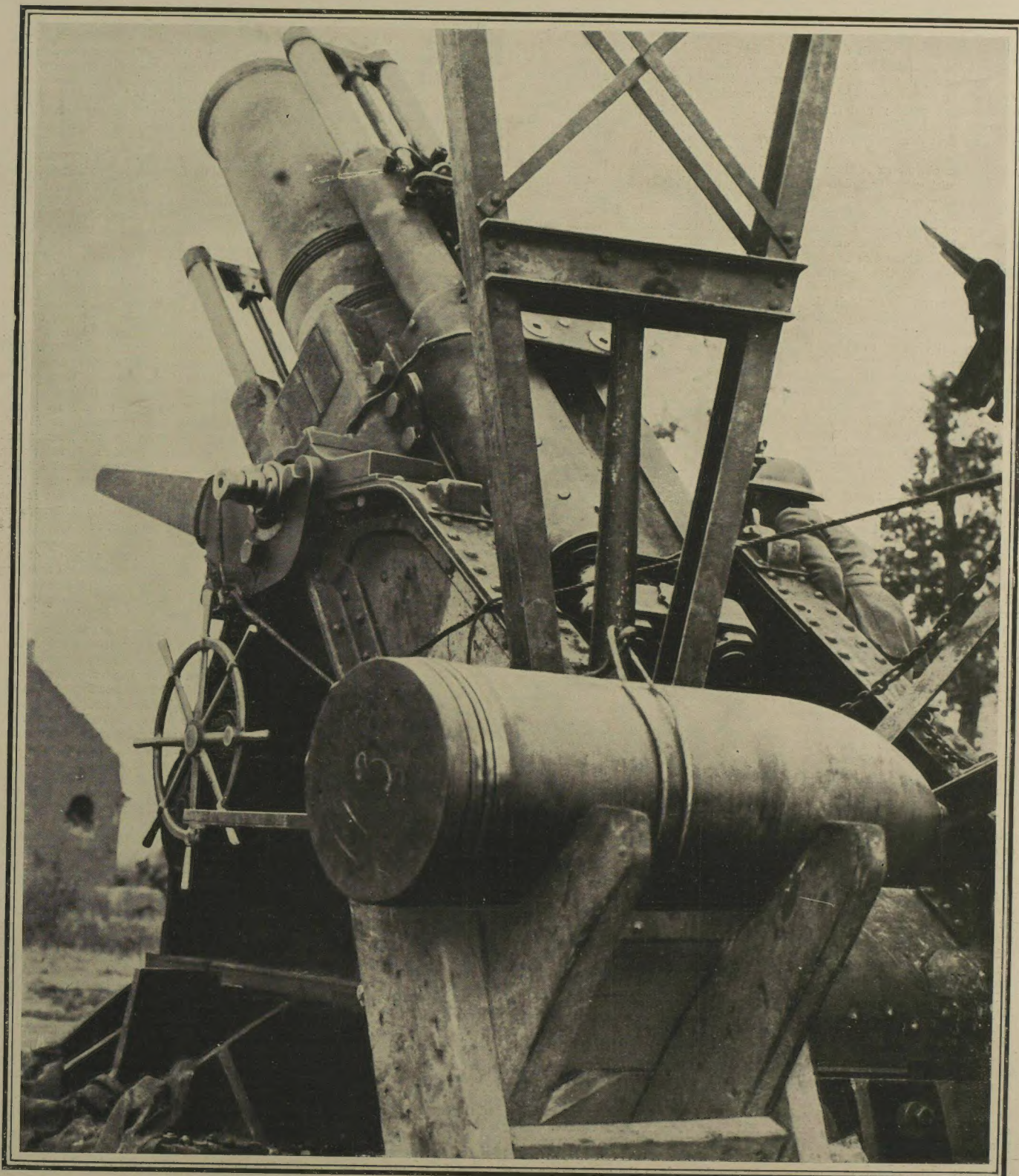
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ONE OF SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S TITANS: A HEAVY HOWITZER READY FOR ACTION ON THE FLANDERS FRONT.

The howitzer seen here is one of our "heavies" whose shattering fire literally obliterated the German deep-trench and dug-out positions in Flanders when Sir Douglas Haig pressed forward to achieve his sledge-hammer victories of Menin Road and Broodseinde. With the Titanic weapon is seen, on the gun-carriage in rear of the breech, a huge projectile ready for loading. Veritable Jove's thunderbolts are these massive shells.

They look so, and they are, in their devastating effect as they come down on the German lines slantwise at a steep angle of descent. They can penetrate by their impetus and weight deep into the recesses of all but the deepest German dug-outs. Hardly the forty-feet underground shelters escape destruction. Many of these have been found by us, overwhelmed by the concussion of the shell-bursts and crashed in on top of their inmates.

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By G. K. CHESTERTON.

WE are all familiar with a certain tone in the talk about Germany among those who hanker after a premature, and therefore a German, settlement. There is a fine phrase about the critics who damn with faint praise; and these critics may be said to praise with faint damns. When applied to Prussianism, their damns are so exceedingly faint as to be more feeble than the "dems" of Mr. Mantalini. It would seem almost as if they thought that the duty of economising in war included a duty of economising in words—so careful are they to substitute a small word for the great word suitable to a great transgressor, or a colourless word for the clear and vivid word which must have occurred first to anybody. But there is really no economic need for these people to substitute such weedy words for the flowers of rhetoric with which their talents could doubtless have delighted us. A patriotic thrift has, indeed, led some thoughtful citizens to substitute leaves and roots for blossoms in bouquets and garlands; but I have not heard that even they think it extravagant to indulge in the mere names of flowers. They would not think it their duty to christen a daughter Rhubarb instead of Rose, or Asparagus instead of Lily. They do not, I imagine, observe a vegetarian fastidiousness in their literary quotations; they do not observe casually—

"A pumpkin by the river's brim  
A yellow pumpkin was to him,"

or cite the celebrated remark of Juliet that an onion by any other name would smell as sweet. In short (to quit this somewhat fascinating speculation), there is no reason to suppose that they deprive themselves in daily life of the pleasures of natural eloquence and emphasis, or that their talk upon other topics is such a tissue of unintelligible euphemisms and petty palliations as their talk about the most tremendous issue of the age. And if, in spite of Juliet, they call a rose a rose, they might be expected to call a thorn a thorn, and even admit that it pricks; they might call a poison a poison, and even admit that it kills. They might even bring themselves to refer to deadly nightshade without stopping to describe it as deleterious nightshade. Similarly, if they admit—as most of them do—that Belgium or Serbia suffered a wrong, they might also realise what everybody has always regarded as the right way to speak of a wrong. If Prussia did strike a blow at the peace of the world, we surely shall not be blamed if (looking around us at this moment) we venture to call it a heavy blow. We shall hardly be content with calling it a good hard knock.

But what are called flowers of rhetoric, as a matter of fact, are by no means so much out of season as some suppose. There is a fashion of talking of the orator as merely an actor, and of his fame as though it were as fleeting as that of an actor. Brougham may come to be remembered by a carriage, and Gladstone by a bag. But the view is historically superficial, for it was precisely in the last great practical crisis of European politics that rhetoric was at its greatest. The orator was an actor in another sense, for he was a man of action. This was true even of lesser things; Brougham left a lasting mark on our educational and Gladstone on our fiscal affairs; but I am referring here to the great words and deeds which were felt to be worthy of great revolutions. And, if these are fairly studied, it will be found that

the old eloquence is now avoided—not so much because it was artificial as because it was real. Men (or at least these rather mean men) do not dislike it because its style was ornate, but because its sentiment was simple. It happened to have a picturesque way of putting very plain truths; but these sophists hate them because they are plain, and hate them more because they are truths. That the citizen must die to save the city, that the traitor must die if he sells the city, that the invader is a usurper and the usurper is a tyrant, that the sword is necessary to the ploughshare and the ploughshare to the sword, that the foe threatens to defile the hearths and desecrate the

unworthy of their country, but utterly unworthy of their subject. They do not merely cover Germany with defences that are false, but with excuses that would be trivial even if they were true. A great empire, responsible for such an apocalypse and judgment of the earth as this war, might just conceivably be right. It could not conceivably be rather wrong.

But all the earnest efforts of the peacemongers at present seem to be devoted to proving that the creation of such an inferno was rather wrong. They are concerned to show clearly that tyranny and perjury are rather wrong; that massacre and enslavement are also rather wrong. They draw the most delicate and elaborate distinctions between this sort of thing and something else, which would be very wrong. I have recently been reading a communication to the *Nation* from a well-known exponent of the case for a compromise with Prussia, and therefore with Prussianism. The whole upshot of his argument seems to be that Germany may perhaps be called "criminal," but must not be called "Satanic." So far as I can understand the argument, it is admitted that the Central Powers not only made an indefensible attack on Serbia, but offered an almost intolerable provocation to Russia; but it is maintained that this was done in the hope that it would be followed by European peace; or, in other words, by Russian surrender. According to some moral principle which I cannot follow, the writer offers this as making the German case better; but even the writer is really obliged to admit that it does not make it much better. Even as he puts it, it is very weak; and it is worse if it is put more explicitly. Germany may have been criminal because she tried to impose an unjust settlement; but she was not Satanic, because that unjust settlement might really have come into force. In other words, she was rather wrong, because she wanted her neighbour's goods; but she was not very wrong, because she might have got them.

Why in the world should a man grope in such a maze of guess-work, and drudge amid such detailed irrelevancies, not even to prove that black is white, but merely to prove that black is not blacker? I can only suppose that sophistry, being the silliest sort of intellectual pride, is in itself a sort of intellectual pleasure; and that it instinctively labours to do even the lowliest services for Germany, as the paradise of all sophists. But this is what I mean by the depressing pettiness of the great part of the Pacifist propaganda. In this respect the Pacifists fight upon the most ignoble model of all the

models provided for them by their friends (or at least their *protégés*) the Prussians. This is very like putting pins or pieces of metal in an enemy's food, or dropping germs and small seeds of pestilence in an enemy's water. The great war is surely too great a thing even to be brought to an end by means so miserably microscopic. And in truth the germ is very typical of this policy in another way, for it is none the more humane because its cruelty cannot inflict wounds, but can only inflict weakness. This sort of sophist is sowing everywhere the germ of one all-destroying plague, which might well be called the sleeping sickness. The name of it is weariness; and it is the enemy of all noble things. But so full are they of the spirit that urges us to yield to mere tedium that the very books and papers in which they urge it are tedious.



AN OFFICIAL COUNTRY RESIDENCE FOR FUTURE PRIME MINISTERS: CHEQUERS COURT—THE NORTH-WEST ASPECT.



PRESENTED TO THE NATION BY SIR ARTHUR LEE, M.P., FOR FUTURE PREMIERS: CHEQUERS COURT—THE SOUTH FRONT.

The beautiful and historic Chequers Estate, in the Chilterns, with the house and its contents, has been presented to the nation by Sir Arthur and Lady Lee, to be used after their deaths as an official country residence for future Prime Ministers. This magnificent and patriotic gift includes an endowment sufficient to maintain the estate and a staff of servants, with a residential allowance for the occupant. The name Chequers is derived from the title of the Keeper of the King's Exchequer under Henry II.

altars, that fighting is freedom, that defeat is slavery—these things to-day are not tropes, but very terrific truisms; and we need a great orator to say them with sufficient simplicity.

But this modern school, and till lately this modern world, is not sincere enough to be rhetorical. It is too frightened of tyrants to denounce them as tyrants, and too slavish to say much about slavery. If I turn from the great words about great things, uttered by the republican rhetoricians of the eighteenth century, to the talk of many humanitarians who call themselves republicans at the present time, I am astounded, not so much at their heresies as at the half-hearted way they hold them and the stammering way they state them. The internationalists are not only



# ON THE BRITISH AND BELGIAN FRONTS: A WAR OF PROJECTILES.

BRITISH, CANADIAN, AND BELGIAN OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.



DEALING WITH ENEMY "DUDS": BRITISH GUNNERS PREPARING TO DETONATE AN UNEXPLODED GERMAN SHELL.



NOT A "DUD" IN THIS CASE: A GERMAN SHELL EXPLODING IN A VILLAGE ON THE WESTERN FRONT.



WITH THE BELGIAN ARTILLERY: A GUN PLACED IN POSITION AMONG THE RUINS OF A HOUSE.



CLEARING-UP AFTER A FIGHT: CANADIANS FILLING SACKS WITH CARTRIDGE-CASES; AND A PILE OF TRENCH-MORTAR BOMBS.

War to-day is essentially a matter of projectiles, from the big shells of the heavy guns to the cartridges of rifles, with many intermediate types. Not all the shells that are fired by the enemy into our lines explode, and those which fail to do so are known as "duds." The first photograph shows one such "dud" shell that came over during the Battle of Menin Road. To prevent accidents, it was railed off in a small enclosure, and then detonated by means of a charge of gun-cotton. A British N.C.O. is seen

fixing the apparatus under the supervision of two officers. The second illustration shows a German shell exploding at the end of a village street, while in the third is seen a gun belonging to the Belgian artillery. The last photograph illustrates one part of the work of clearing-up a battlefield after action. Two Canadian soldiers are collecting empty cartridge-cases, one shovelling them into a sack held by the other. Lying in the trench at the men's feet is a pile of big bombs for trench-mortars.



# FIGHTING FLANDERS MUD UNDER SHELL-FIRE: BRITISH ARTILLERY AND "THE GRIM HEROISM OF FORTITUDE."

DRAWN BY WALLACE COOP FROM MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY AN EYE-WITNESS.



"THE HORSES SINK DEEP IN THE STICKY MUD, WHILE EVERY NOW AND THEN ONE SLIPS INTO A SHELL-HOLE": A BRITISH BATTERY NEAR YPRES CROSSING RAIN-SODDEN GROUND UNDER FIRE.

"In Flanders," writes the sender of the sketch, "heroism is not always picturesque: the heroism of the horses and men under such chaotic conditions as are depicted in the sketch is the grim heroism of fortitude. Exposed to unrelenting observation, and consequently to the guns of the enemy, the battery pushes on, its environment is pummeled by explosives, while the shell-holes fill with rain. A change of position to one more forward has, in consequence, to be ordered. The ground seems hopeless. It is beyond the power of six-horse teams. Ten for each gun are needed, perhaps twelve. Even then the horses sink deep in the sticky mud, while every now and then one slips deep into a shell-hole, dragging in others and throwing drivers. With shell-craters here, smoke there, a pull all together is impossible. Things are worse still when the gun slips into a hole and cannot be hauled

out by the horses. It must be dug out under shell-fire, gunners and drivers helping with drag-ropes. Thus the gun is extricated from the Flanders mud, and eventually a metalled road is reached, and the new battery position attained. Then come more war-guns upon their death-bedding barrage. The work is hard, exciting, exhausting. There is no romantic dash of a galloping team; only mud, shell, chaos, and more mud—and death!" The drawing (which is from a description by an eye-witness) shows the actual position of a battery in Flanders during the series of battles which culminated eventually in the Victory of Menin Road and of Broodseinde. It was necessary to move the guns back some distance before a road could be reached by which they could go forward to prepare and support an infantry attack.—(Drawing copyrighted in the United States and Canada.)



# THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF WAR. WITHOUT THE POMP: SCENES ON AND NEAR THE BRITISH FRONT DURING RECENT BATTLES.

BRITISH, AUSTRALIAN, AND CANADIAN OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.



A POSITION FIERCELY CONTESTED: GLENCORSE WOOD, WITH A GERMAN SHELL BURSTING.



IN A "VILLAGE" BEHIND THE CANADIAN LINES: SHELLS EXPLODING IN THE RUINS.



THE USES OF LIGHT RAILWAYS: RUNNING TRENCH MATERIAL UP THROUGH A CAPTURED VILLAGE.



IN A CITY NO LONGER WITHIN RANGE OF THEIR GUNS: GERMAN PRISONERS AT YPRES.



LEVELLING SHELL-TORN GROUND FOR STACKING AMMUNITION: MULES DRAWING SCRAPERS.



WITH "THE ENEMY'S SHELLS SEARCHING FOR THEM": A BRITISH BATTERY NEAR THE YPRES-ZONNEBEKE ROAD.



PREVENTING ENEMY OBSERVATION DURING A BATTLE: A MACHINE-GUN USED AGAINST AIRCRAFT.



READY FOR MEN BACK FROM THE TRENCHES: FRENCH GIRLS DRYING SHIRTS FOR BRITISH SOLDIERS.



BUILDING AN OVEN AND WEARING SLIPPERS MADE FROM A GERMAN AÉROPLANE TYRE: AN INGENIOUS CANADIAN COOK, IN SUPPORT LINES.



OUT FOR A BRIEF REST AFTER MANY MONTHS IN THE FIRING-LINE: A BRIGADE OF AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY.



THE BRAINS OF A BATTLE: OFFICERS DIRECTING OPERATIONS BY TELEPHONE DURING A RECENT ACTION ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

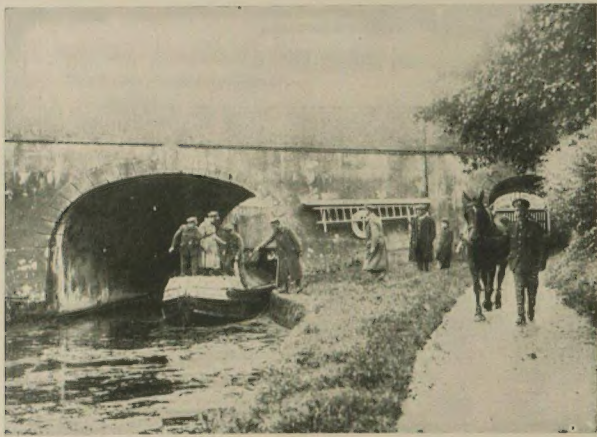
Both the British troops and those from Overseas have fought splendidly in the recent battles on the front near Ypres. Writing on October 5, Mr. Philip Gibbs says: "The New Zealanders and the Australians, on their right, fighting up the Abraham Heights, took over 2000 prisoners, and say that they have never seen so many dead. . . . The German prisoners do not hide their astonishment at the spirit of our men." Of the arduous work of the artillery he writes: "The gunners, standing by the heavies and the 18-pounders in the sodden fields, with piles of shells about them and great dumps near by, have no easy, pleasant time. On the morning of the last battle I saw the enemy's shells searching for them, flinging up the earth about their batteries, ploughing deep holes on either side of them. They worked in the close neighbourhood of death." Again, of the immense amount of preparations involved in every new advance: "Under shell-fire bracketing the roads on which they worked, pioneers carried on the tracks, put down new lengths of duck-board, laid new rails. . . . I passed

the dump yesterday, and again to-day, in the waste ground of an old battlefield near Ypres, and saw the shells for our field-batteries being unloaded. There were thousands of shells, brand-new from the factories at home, all bright and glistening, and laid out in piles. . . . The scene of battle in those early hours was a great and terrible picture. . . . The ruins of Ypres were vague and blurred in the mist as I passed them on the way up, but as moment passed moment the jagged stump of the Cloth Hall, the wild wreckage of the Asylum, and the fretted outline of all that chaos of masonry, which was so fair a city once, leapt out in light which flashed redly and passed. So it was all along the way to the old German lines. Bits of villages still stand, enough to show that buildings were there, and isolated ruins of barns and farm-houses lie in heaps of timber and brickwork about great piles of greenish sand-bags and battered earthworks." Many such details of the picture can be noted in our photographs.



# MANNED BY SOLDIERS FROM THE FRONT: THE WAR-CANAL SERVICE.

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AT ONE OF THE UNDER-BRIDGE PASSAGES: POLING AND GUIDING A BARGE THROUGH.



PREPARATIONS FOR A DAY'S WORK: GETTING OUT THE TOW-HORSES IN READINESS FOR A START.



WORKING HOURS: A TOW-HORSE PULLING A BARGE—ALSO THE SOLDIER IN CHARGE.



A REST WHILE TIED UP: SOLDIERS WITH BARGE-TRAFFIC EXPERIENCE WHO ACT AS INSTRUCTORS.



WHEN PASSING FROM ONE LEVEL TO ANOTHER: WORKING THE PADDLE-SLUCIE AT A LOCK.



ENTERING ONE OF THE LOCKS: BARGES, FITTED WITH BOW-FENDERS, PASSING IN BETWEEN THE GATES OF A LOCK.



AT THE CLOSE OF A DAY'S JOURNEY: TWO BARGES SIDE BY SIDE, SAFELY BERTHED INSIDE A LOCK.

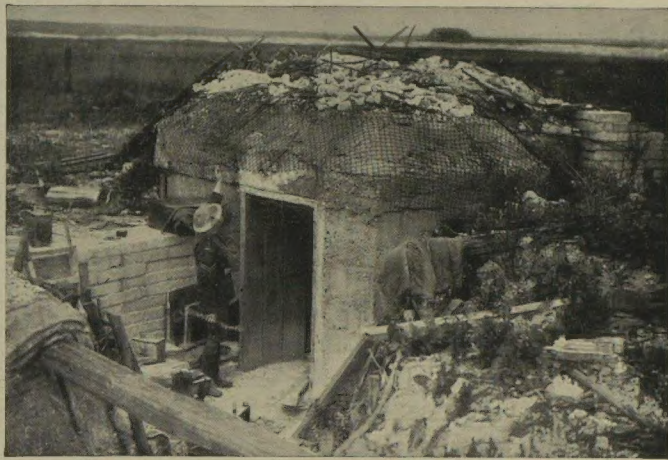
The Canal Control Committee, which is one of the branch departments of the Board of Trade, has undertaken, and is at the present time carrying out, the training of soldiers in the working of barges on various canals. The organisation of the canal work is as an auxiliary transport service, with the special object of relieving railway traffic, chiefly in this country, but also abroad. The men engaged are, for the most part, soldiers returned from the front, who are unfit for general Army service in consequence of wounds, or owing to incapacity from sickness. With them are included a limited number of

low-category men. Our illustrations have to do with one of the canal system sections in which the men spoken of are already at work. Men drawn from battalions of the Bedford Regiment are shown on duty on the Kennet and Avon Canal in one of the Southern Counties. They are, it is stated, all volunteers for the canal service, and among them are several former watermen who previous to joining the colours for the war had experience of inland navigation on the canals then in use. The horses employed are, to a large extent, former Army horses, too old for the hard work of general service.



# ON OUR WESTERN BATTLE-FRONT: NEAR LENS AND ELSEWHERE.

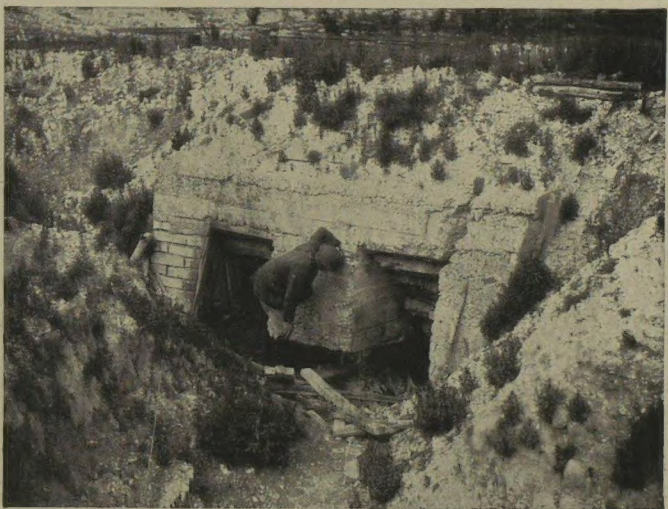
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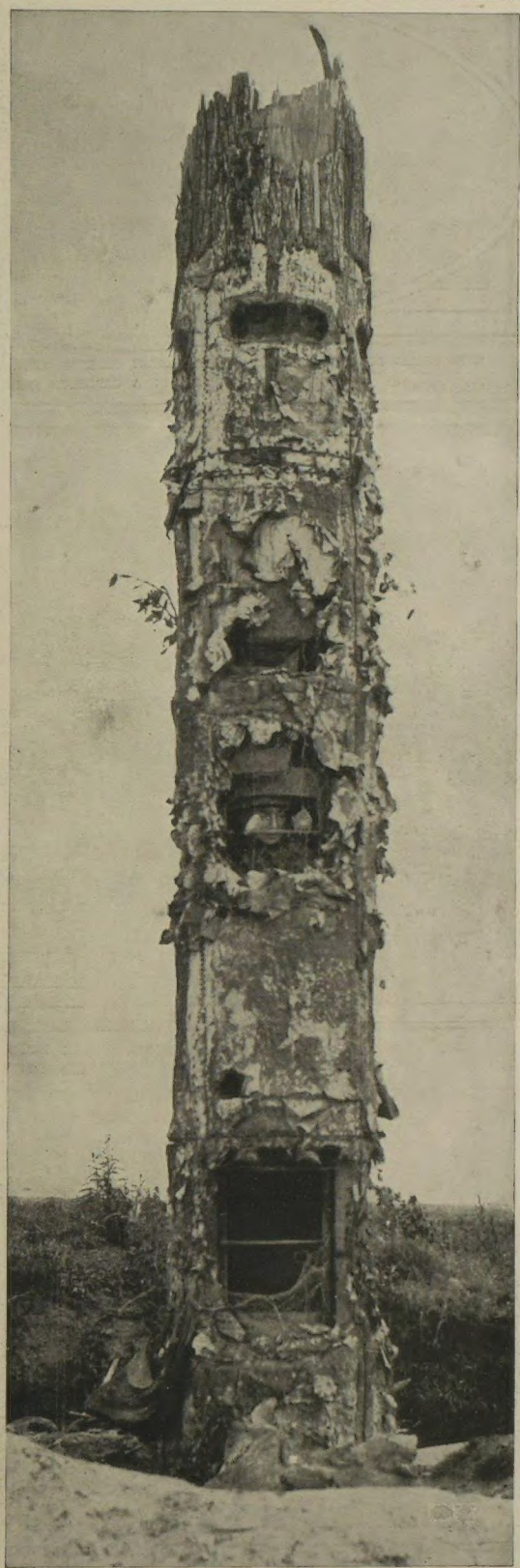
ON A BATTLEFIELD NEAR LENS: THE ENTRANCE TO A THICK CONCRETE-WALLED AND BOMB-PROOF ROOFED GERMAN TRENCH DUG-OUT.



MEASURING SEVENTY-FIVE YARDS IN CIRCUMFERENCE: PROBABLY A RECORD EXCAVATION FOR A CRATER FORMED BY A SHELL-BURST.



ANOTHER OF THE CAPTURED GERMAN TRENCH STRONGHOLDS NEAR LENS: A CONCRETE AND STEEL-SLAB BUILT MACHINE-GUN EMPLACEMENT WITH WIDE LOOPHOLES.



A GERMAN "O.P." NEAR LENS: A HOLLOW STRUCTURE, CAMOUFLAGED WITH FOLIAGE AND BARK, AS A TREE-TRUNK—WITH ONE OF OUR MEN INSIDE, LOOKING THROUGH THE SECOND APERTURE.

The elaboration of the German efforts to make their dug-outs shell-proof is evidenced in the upper illustration of one in the Lens district captured by the Canadians. The thickness of the solid concrete walls is apparent from the width of the side-planking of the entrance doorway, while the upturned saucer-like roof is of great thickness. Netting for camouflage purposes covers the roof, on part of which stones and soil are heaped to make the place harmonise in appearance with the ruins and broken-up ground surrounding. Probably a record shell-crater—said to be 75 yards in circumference on

another section of the Western Front, is shown in the second illustration. The fourth illustration shows a German "O.P.," or observation-post. It is, apparently, a hollow cylinder reared on end to resemble a tall tree-stump, with iron sheeting round the trunk, on which foliage was draped; and with, at the top, jagged strips of bark. Iron bars inside formed a ladder with wire-netting covered apertures in the trunk for watching purposes. One of our men is visible inside, peering through the second aperture from the bottom, and with his feet on a lower bar at the lowest aperture.



# THE BATTLE ROUND LENS: CLOSE UP TO THE FIGHTING-LINE.

CANADIAN WAR RECORDS PHOTOGRAPHS.



WITH SHELLS BURSTING IN REAR: AN ARTILLERY RESERVE STORE WITH A CAMOUFLAGED HOWITZER CARRIAGE, IN A CAPTURED TRENCH.



ON A BATTLEFIELD RAILWAY: A MOTOR TRAIN RUNNING BETWEEN THE TRENCHES AND THE REAR LINES.



THE "TUMP-LINE" DEVICE OF THE NORTH-AMERICAN INDIANS, AS IN USE ON THE WESTERN FRONT: A PARTY LOADING UP WITH BARBED WIRE AND IRON STAKES FOR TRENCH ENTANGLEMENTS.



'TUMP-LINERS' EN ROUTE WITH THEIR LOADS: GOING FORWARD IN INDIAN FILE WITH THEIR LOADS, EXACTLY AS THE REDSKINS DID.



PROTECTING A RED CROSS DRESSING-STATION WITHIN SHELLING RANGE: BUILDING UP A ROOFED SANDBAG BARRIER AT THE ENTRANCE.

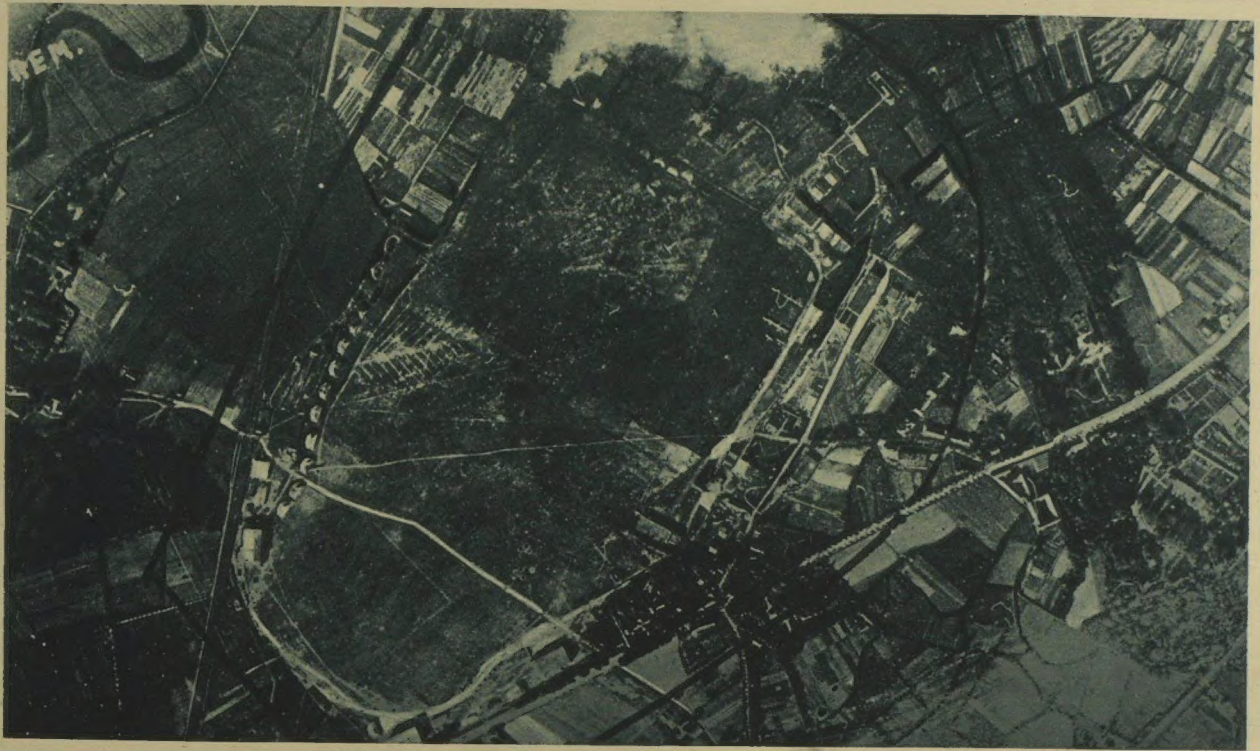
A small artillery depôt for reserve munitions, etc., with a camouflaged howitzer-carriage in it, at the rear in part of the Canadian lines at Lens, temporarily sheltered in a former German trench, is shown in the first illustration (top, left). In the background, towards the rear, the smoke of bursting German shells is seen. The second illustration shows one of the many motor trains on one of the light railways traversing the battle-area in all directions; some bringing up ammunition and stores, others, as with the trucks seen here, badged with the Red Cross. The third illustration (across the page), and the fourth (bottom, left) show a time-honoured American Indian method of carrying

heavy loads which the Canadians make use of. A band, or wide belt of leather, passed across the forehead supports the weight of the load. The carrier, stooping forward slightly as he walks, has his hands free, and can get along with comparative ease. A man, it is stated, can in that way carry loads of from 50 to 130 lb. weight. The "tump-line" is the name given to the form of portage. The third illustration shows a party in the act of loading-up rolls of wire netting, and packages of barbed wire, and of the corkscrew-pointed iron uprights, for spreading the entanglement on. The party is shown in the fourth illustration while on its way.



## A NEST OF GOTHAS BOMBED: AIR-PHOTOGRAPHS OF ST. DENIS WESTREM.

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PHOTOGRAPHED BY A BRITISH AIRMAN ON SEPTEMBER 27: THE GREAT GERMAN AERODROME AT ST. DENIS WESTREM—  
SHOWING AEROPLANES OUTSIDE HANGARS.



SHOWING A SHED (INTACT IN THE UPPER PHOTOGRAPH) BURNT OUT BY A BRITISH BOMB: THE AERODROME  
AT ST. DENIS WESTREM, PHOTOGRAPHED ON OCTOBER 1.

"Last month," said General Smuts in his speech on October 4, "our naval and military aeroplanes dropped 207 tons of bombs behind the enemy's lines. In the same period he dropped 4½ tons of bombs on London. In that month we bombed him on 23 days and 19 nights, chiefly attacking his aerodromes, and, in particular, the great aerodromes at St. Denis Westrem and Gontrode, where the Gothas live, setting hangars and sheds on fire, and, as photographs prove, damaging his machines and pitting his aerodromes

with shell-holes." On this and the succeeding two pages, we are enabled to give some of the remarkably interesting photographs, taken by British airmen, to which General Smuts refers. One of the sheds wrecked by our bombs is seen in the upper photograph before its destruction, and in the lower one as it appeared afterwards. A number of German aeroplanes are visible on the ground, on both sides of the aerodrome. As will be remembered, on one occasion a Gotha squadron was bombed when lined up for starting off.



## HIT BY MANY TONS OF BOMBS: ENEMY AERODROMES.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.



SHOWING GERMAN AEROPLANES COMPELLED TO LAND IN SMALL FIELDS OWING TO BRITISH BOMB-CRATERS: ST. DENIS WESTREM AERODROME PHOTOGRAPHED ON SEPTEMBER 30 FROM A BRITISH MACHINE.



SHOWING BRITISH BOMBS DROPPING AND A HANGAR DESTROYED (ALSO SEEN IN THE SMALL INSET PHOTOGRAPH BEFORE ITS DESTRUCTION): GONTRODE AERODROME PHOTOGRAPHED ON SEPTEMBER 29 BY A BRITISH AIRMAN.

In the upper photograph, taken over St. Denis Westrem, may be noted three German aeroplanes that have been obliged to land in small fields, owing to their regular landing-places in the aerodrome being rendered unsafe by the number of craters caused by British bombs. Landing in small fields is dangerous even in dry weather, but much more so when it is wet. In the lower photographs, taken at Gontrode, the black arrows

indicate British bombs in the act of dropping, while the position of a hangar which was destroyed is marked by a white arrow. The same hangar before its destruction is shown in the small photograph, inset just above the spot in the larger photograph (taken afterwards) where can be seen the gap where it previously stood. It must be remembered, too, that these aerodromes are only two of many bombed by U.S.



## PHOTOGRAPHED DURING A BRITISH AIR-RAID: GONTRODE AERODROME.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH.



SHOWING WHERE A SHED WAS DESTROYED; AND A NUMBER OF BOMB-CRATERS: A BRITISH AIRMAN'S PHOTOGRAPH (TAKEN ON SEPTEMBER 30) OF THE GERMAN AERODROME AT GONTRODE.



SHOWING CRATERS, BRITISH BOMBS DROPPING, AND GERMAN AEROPLANES OUTSIDE A SHED NO LONGER HABITABLE: GONTRODE AERODROME PHOTOGRAPHED FROM THE AIR ON OCTOBER 1.

The progressive effect of the continual bombing by our airmen of the German aerodromes in Belgium is clearly indicated in these two photographs taken from British aeroplanes, the upper one on September 30, and the lower one on the following day. In the first one there is indicated by an arrow a shed which was later struck by bombs. The

second photograph shows the position of the same shed, after our bombs had rendered it untenable, with six or seven German aeroplanes on the open ground outside it. The arrows at the top in the lower photograph indicate craters caused by British bombs, and other bombs actually falling. They show in the photograph like puffs of smoke.



# "ALERTE AUX GAZ!" FRENCH TROOPS PRACTISE ADJUSTING GAS-MASKS ON A SUDDEN WARNING.

FROM THE DRAWING BY L. SABATTIER.



LEARNING HOW TO BE PREPARED FOR THE SUDDEN APPROACH OF GERMAN POISON-GAS: A SENEGALESE BATTALION TRAINING IN FRANCE ADJUSTING GAS-MASKS ON THE ORDER "ALERTE AUX GAZ!"

The introduction by the Germans of poison-gas as a weapon of war has added to the burden which a soldier has to carry, and the gas-mask has become an essential item in his equipment. Practice in its rapid adjustment has also come to form part of his military training. Our drawing shows troops of the French Army—in this case a Senegalese battalion in training on the Côte d'Azur—putting on their gas-masks on suddenly receiving the order, "Alerte aux gaz!" They are lining a ditch

(representing a trench) by the side of a road, and, besides their gas-masks, it will be seen, they carry the full field equipment and wear steel helmets. On the right is seen the Colonel in charge of the operation, an old Colonial officer who has twice been severely wounded during the war, and intends to return to the front directly he is fit again. He is explaining to a Senegalese soldier, who had shown some reluctance to don his mask, the purpose and importance of the apparatus.



# DEALING WITH AIR-RAIDERS AT THE FRONT: BRITISH MOBILE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS IN ACTION.

DRAWN BY DARYL LINDSAY.

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MOUNTED ON MOTOR-CARS CLAMPED TO THE GROUND FOR STEADINESS: TWO BRITISH "ARCHIES" DIRECTING A RAPID FIRE UPON GERMAN AEROPLANES.

Air-raids at the front are not, as in London, merely an occasional visitation: they are an ordinary part of the day's work, and of the night's work also. Describing one moonlight raid in Flanders recently, Mr. Philip Gibbs writes: "There was the loud drone of engines and the barking of many 'Archies,' and between the stars, very bright and glinting, the twinkle of shrapnel bursting in many spaces of the sky, and searchlights creeping backwards and forwards to find the night-birds. Deeper than the sharp bark of our 'Archies' was the explosion of a German bomb. 'Blighters,' said one of the officers. Somewhere

over there, in a quiet village, death had come, perhaps, to a sleeping child or some tired woman. The air-raiders seemed scattered over the sky. Later in the night a few bombs fell closer, and with louder crashes. . . . 'I wonder if the devils are over London to-night,' said an officer. And he looked away to the North Star, and he was silent after that, thinking of some house below the star." Our anti-aircraft guns and crews have attained high efficiency, as proved also in the recent raids on England. The gunners seem part of the mechanism of the guns.—[Drawing Copyrighted in the United States and Canada.]



## SCIENCE &amp; NATURAL HISTORY



SEEKING AT PLUCK OF A TYPING ON THEIR GROUND:  
STUDENTS OUT OF SCHOOL (19th CENTURY).

## SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

BUTTER AND ITS SUBSTITUTES.

THE shortage of butter continues, and the release by the Government of 25,000 packages of Australian butter, presumably kept in cold storage until now, seems to have done little to remedy it. Whether this scarcity is due, as has been said in the Press, to the greediness of the highly paid war-workers of the North and Midlands, who insist on consuming their pre-war allowance regardless of price, or whether, as is more likely, it is attributable to the ever-increasing cost of cattle-food, is impossible to say. At all events, the scarcity is not likely to abate immediately, and it therefore becomes us to limit our own consumption of butter as much as possible, so as to leave all that we can for those to whom it is more or less of a necessity.

In these circumstances, it is as well to see what is the special value of butter as a food, as to which the researches of Professor Halliburton and Mr. J. C. Drummond, just published in the *Journal of Physiology* for September, seem to be timely. Butter, they say, contains "a fat-soluble accessory substance" which promotes growth, as is proved in a remarkable manner by a series of experiments carried on by them at Cambridge on rats bred for the purpose. Young rats fed on food from which butter or one of its substitutes had purposely been eliminated lived without increasing in weight, and adult female rats brought up on the same diet failed to produce offspring. Other experiments to the same effect showed that this growth-promoting substance, which seems to have been first indicated by Osborn and Mendel, was present not only in butter, but in the yolk of eggs, cod-liver oil, and in the lower melting-point portions of beef-fat, kidney-fat, and heart-fat. This led them to extend their experiments to the different kinds of margarine now manufactured in this country and abroad as a substitute for butter, with the result that they found some specimens fulfilling that function fairly well and others not at all. To show the difference one must go into the process of manufacture.

Now the best (which are also the higher-priced) margarines, according to Messrs. Halliburton and Drummond, are made from beef-fat put into tanks at a temperature of 80 deg. Fahr., after which it is chilled, cut into small cubes, and heated to 150 deg. Fahr. The result of this is to convert most of it into a clear oil, called oleo-oil, which is then drawn off and mixed with carefully soured skim-milk, while from 1 per cent. to



6 per cent. of real or natural butter-fat is sometimes added with markedly good effect. The result is a compound which is difficult to distinguish except by an expert taste from natural butter, all the functions of which as a food it seems



THE GERMAN SCIENCE OF HOSPITAL-BOMBING: A WRECKED WARD WHERE NURSES AND WOUNDED WERE KILLED AT VADELAINCOURT.

German airmen, it will be recalled, bombed the French military hospital at Vadelaincourt, near Verdun, on three different nights. Their bombs killed 19 persons and wounded 26, many severely,

to discharge. But it is odd that only margarine made from beef-fat seems to contain the peculiar growth-promoting substance referred to above.

From lard or pork-fat it is entirely absent, and in mutton-fat, horse-fat, and the fat of other animals it is either absent or present in such small quantities as to be negligible. It is curious that among the mammals, at any rate, it is only the ox which seems to produce it.

Of what, then, are the cheaper margarines composed? Chiefly—still according to Messrs. Halliburton and Drummond—of coconut oil, of cotton-seed oil, sunflower-seed oil, and linseed oil, although other vegetable oils have been tried. Such margarines may be good as condiments, or as helping those who consume them to eat more bread, and also to a certain extent as heat-producers; but they do not contain the substance which promotes growth, and the young of no animals, so far as at present is ascertained, will thrive on them unless this substance is supplied otherwise. The "nut-butter" dear to vegetarians falls under the same condemnation, and the only other substitute for butter—besides cod-liver oil, milk, eggs, and beef-fat margarine—which can really supply its place as a food, is beef-dripping. Unfortunately, all these substitutes are nearly as scarce, and threaten to be as dear before long, as butter itself. Although more might be done by the well-to-do in the way of using salt butter in the place of fresh, it is plain that the most patriotic thing for adults to do at the present moment would be to give up the use of butter as much as possible and to leave what there is of it for children, who really require it if they are to grow up healthy and strong.

That this could be done with a little self-sacrifice there can be no doubt. To the adult, foods like butter are chiefly useful for keeping up the vital heat of the whole organism. But this can be done, as the experience of the Eskimo shows, on a diet of whale or seal meat and blubber, without any domestic animals at all. There is no fear that we shall be reduced to this extremity, and a larger consumption of meat than at present would have its own dangers. But apart from this there are many foods—such as oatmeal, rice, peas, beans, and potatoes, besides such fish as herrings—to which we might turn as heat-producers. It is not, then, a very great sacrifice which the adult may be required to make for the sake of the well-being of the rising generation. And, fortunately we can now say with more confidence than at any earlier stage of the war that it will not be for long. F. L.



WHERE A SURGEON AND A WOUNDED SOLDIER UNDER OPERATION WERE KILLED AND THE CHIEF DOCTOR WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED BY GERMAN BOMBS: A WRECKED OPERATING-ROOM IN THE VADELAINCOURT HOSPITAL.

The doctor seen in the photograph, who was in the operating-room when the bomb fell, was the only unhurt survivor.



## WIRELESS ON AIRCRAFT: THE DIRECTION OF ARTILLERY FIRE.



SHOWING (IN FRONT) THE SMALL SCREW WHICH, ACTUATED BY THE AIR, DRIVES THE DYNAMO FOR THE ELECTRIC CURRENT:  
A FRENCH AEROPLANE FITTED WITH WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.



SHOWING (UNDERNEATH) THE WHEEL ON WHICH THE WIRE OF THE ANTENNA IS COILED: THE WIRELESS-TELEGRAPHY POST  
INSIDE THE AEROPLANE SHOWN IN THE UPPER PHOTOGRAPH.

Experiments with wireless-telegraphy apparatus fitted to aeroplanes were made, by some French officers of Engineers, in 1910; but it has only been since the war began that it has come into practical use on aircraft. "To-day," writes M. F. Honoré, regarding the French air service, "all aeroplanes for directing artillery fire (*avions de réglage*) are fitted with powerful wireless apparatus, whose range varies from 25 to 150 kilomètres (roughly, from 16 to 94 miles). They can both transmit and receive, the sounds being quite

perceptible in spite of the humming of the motor. The electric force is supplied by a small dynamo connected with a screw placed in front of the machine and actuated by the motion of the air. The aeroplanes keep in constant touch with their respective batteries. It is, in a sense, the observer on the aeroplane who controls the fire. As soon as he sights the objective, invisible from the battery, he gives a signal. A shot is fired, and at once the aeroplane wireless reports where it has fallen.



## LONDON'S GREAT BARRAGE AGAINST AIR-RAIDERS: SHRAPNEL GLINTING AMONG THE STARS OVER TOWER BRIDGE.

DRAWN BY CHARLES PEARCE, R.O.I.



## THE MOST EFFECTUAL DEFENCE AGAINST MOONLIGHT AIR-RAIDS: A CURTAIN-FIRE OF MANY SHRAPNEL SHELLS, WITH SEARCHLIGHTS IN ACTION, OVER THE THAMES.

The anti-aircraft guns of the London air-defences have done excellent work in the recent raids, putting up a barrage-fire of shrapnel which proved very effective. The scene on moonlight nights, with shell-bursts glinting between the stars, the beams of searchlights, and the roar of the guns, was one that Londoners will not easily forget. As General Smuts said in his recent speech, the danger to the population from these aeroplane-raids must not be exaggerated, and the defences are improving. "Since last July," he pointed out, "no day-attack has reached London. They may come again, but I trust they will get the reception they deserve. Now the enemy has turned to night-attacks, and it is possible that these attacks may continue and conceivably increase in the future. . . . However, we have not been discouraged, but have set about the aerial defence of London along somewhat novel lines, and with a great measure of success. London has within the last week or so been visited repeatedly by at least 20 machines per night,

yet only one or two machines have, as a rule, succeeded in penetrating our defences. These defences will continue to develop, and the public may rest assured that nothing will be left undone which may tend to the more complete protection of this nerve-centre of the Empire, as well as other places likely to be visited by enemy raiders. . . . The material damage of these raids has been absolutely negligible. . . . Again, we bomb the enemy much more and cause him far greater loss behind his lines. Last month our naval and military aeroplanes dropped 277 tons of bombs behind the enemy's lines. In the same period he dropped 4 tons of bombs on London. . . . In London during last month our total air losses were 51 killed and 247 injured. During the first nine months of this year the losses from air-raids were 191 killed and 749 wounded, as against 487 persons killed and 14,164 injured in traffic accidents in the Metropolitan Police area."—(Illustration Copyrighted in the United States and Canada.)



# WITH OUR ARMY IN MESOPOTAMIA: GARRISON SCENES IN BAGHDAD.

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AMONG INDIAN TROOPS OF THE GARRISON: SEPOYS NEAR THE CITY IN CARS OF THE BAGHDAD-KADHIMAN TRAMWAYS.



DRAWING WATER-SUPPLIES FOR INDIAN TROOPS: CARS WITH METAL WATER-CANS AT A WATERING-PLACE ON THE TIGRIS.



DRAWING WATER-SUPPLIES FOR BRITISH TROOPS: A MULE WATER-CART IN CHARGE OF OUR MEN BEING FILLED FROM THE RIVER.



AT AN INDIAN ARMY COMMISSARIAT DEPARTMENT STORE: SEPOY BATTALION-ORDERLIES AND TRANSPORT VEHICLES AT RATION TIME.



A SCENE OFTEN WITNESSED IN THE STREETS OF THE CITY: A BRITISH INFANTRY BATTALION ON THE MARCH ALONG ONE OF THE MAIN THOROUGHFARES, CROWDED WITH ARAB AND OTHER NATIVES, AND RESIDENTS OF BAGHDAD.

By his capture of Baghdad, in a practically intact condition, with all its principal buildings, Government offices, military hospital, and large Turkish barracks, all in the main undamaged by the enemy before quitting the city, owing to the swiftness of the British advance, Sir Stanley Maude has found a ready-made forward-base station at his disposal. Some attempts at destruction here and there were made by the Turkish rear-guard, but the Turks were hustled out so rapidly, with the ever-present fear of having their retreat cut off by our cavalry, that there was no time to do much mischief.

Before the war, and until it fell into our hands this spring, Baghdad was the established headquarters—centre of the Sixth Turkish Army Corps. Numerous military buildings in Baghdad had been reconstructed in recent years under German supervision, and are now at Sir Stanley Maude's disposal. Incidents of garrison-life during the present British occupation of Baghdad, while the troops in the field are on campaign several miles away to the north and north-west—as we know from the recent despatch recording the victory at Ramadie on the Euphrates—are shown in the above set of photographs.



## AGAIN SUCCESSFUL IN MESOPOTAMIA: THE VICTOR OF RAMADIE.

PHOTOGRAPH BY DUNN.



THE VICTORIOUS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH ARMY IN MESOPOTAMIA: SIR STANLEY MAUDE (RIGHT) AND CAPTAIN MUSGRAVE, A.D.C. (LEFT), RIDING THROUGH BAGHDAD.

"After an advance on the night of September 27-28," reported Sir Stanley Maude in his despatch published in London on October 7, "we attacked the enemy's advanced position at Mushaid, four miles east of Ramadie (on the Euphrates), early on the morning of September 28. Mushaid ridge was occupied with little difficulty, and our column, continuing the advance, manoeuvred away from the river, attacking the Turkish main positions about Ramadie from the south-east, while our cavalry moved wide round to the west. . . . A severe battle ensued, lasting throughout the 28th, but by nightfall

our troops had carried the enemy's main positions, and were encircling Ramadie from the east, south-east, and south. Our cavalry completed the cordon to the west. . . . The enemy, during the night, attempted to break out westwards, but was headed back by our cavalry. Our troops resumed the attack vigorously on September 29, at daybreak, with the result that by 9 a.m. the enemy was surrendering everywhere. Included in our capture are guns, arms, ammunition, stores, and equipment, and several thousand prisoners, Ahmed Bey, the Turkish Commander, and Staff being among the latter."



## AT ZONNEBEKE WOOD IN MENIN ROAD BATTLE: SPADES WIN.

DRAWN BY A. FORESTIER, FROM MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY AN EYE-WITNESS.



SPADES CONQUER BAYONETS IN A MAN-TO-MAN FIGHT: A FINE FIGHT BY A PARTY OF SCOTS, SUDDENLY ATTACKED BY A GERMAN SURPRISE SORTIE FROM SHELTERS.

One of the many exceptional incidents exemplifying the fearless daring and impetuous courage of our men in the series of fierce fights during the victorious progress of the great Battle of Menin Road is illustrated here. The scene was witnessed in the course of the assault on the Zonnebeke Wood position, to the right of the fortified village of Zonnebeke. A small stream ran in front of the wooded ridge; and the entire slope of rising ground between the edge of the wood and the stream, a space of two hundred and fifty yards, was pitted all over with shell-craters, each encircled with barbed wire

and holding Germans with machine-guns. Among the craters also were concrete redoubts and "pill-boxes," garrisoned strongly. One party of an assaulting line of Scottish troops which attacked Zonnebeke Wood were suddenly assailed at close quarters by a number of Germans, who rallied suddenly from their shelters and came at the Scots with the desperation of a forlorn hope. The Scots, almost to a man, with amazing coolness, slung their rifles across their shoulders, and with their entrenching shovels "exterminated" the Germans, as it is stated.—[Drawing Copyrighted in the United States and Canada.]





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## NEW NOVELS.

"Finished." Sir H. Rider Haggard is, he reminds us in the preface to "Finished" (Ward, Lock), almost the last survivor of the party who, under the leadership of Sir Theophilus Shepstone, were the

and humiliating end of Cetewayo. The Zulu independence passes, and the new South Africa—with travail still to endure—forms slowly in the last quarter of a troubled century. Apart from the fact that a Haggard romance is always a good romance, "Finished" should undoubtedly be read as a stirring footnote to Transvaal history, and a sidelight upon the customs and superstitions of one of the bravest savage races the world has ever seen.

"When Michael Came to Town." When Michael came to town things were not what they seemed. The Wansborough household was undisturbed by the upheaval that was to shake it to its foundations; Olive was an heiress, and impecunious Roderick Guye in the running for her hand. Malevolent Miss Pratt had not yet discovered how to use her teeth and claws. Michael's coming might almost have been a signal for the Fates to move. Thereafter, events progressed at a lively pace—exactly the pace, in fact, that Mme. Albanesi knows so well how to set and to keep going. "When Michael Came to Town" (Hutchinson) is light, though not perhaps frivolous, because it deals with people's follies and villainies, and the punishment that overtakes them. It is rather melodramatic, and, as good melodrama should, it points the moral with beat of drum and blare of trumpet. It is nothing more than it professes to be—to wit, an entertaining novel of the ephemeral sort. But, on the other hand, it is nothing less; and it gives honest value to the would-be buyer of whole-

## "The Ivory Tower."

The outbreak of war in 1914 brought "The Ivory Tower" (Collins) to a standstill. Henry James found himself unable to work upon "a fiction supposed to represent contemporary or recent life." The work was laid aside, and it was never completed. The feeling that made



ON THE WESTERN FRONT: A CANADIAN KITCHEN IN A TRENCH.

One man, it will be noted, is using the food; while another is cleaning his rifle.—[Canadian War Records.]

principals in the annexation of the Transvaal in 1877. He has recently revisited Zululand, and revived his memories of the natives of that country. These circumstances have apparently inspired him to write "Finished," which is a romance of Cetewayo and the last days of his fighting nation. That it comes to us in the form of a Quatermainian yarn is perhaps inevitable, not only because of the existence of a public still staunchly faithful to Macumazahn, but also because the remarkable toughness (not to say immortality) and candour of the little hunter make him an ideal eye-witness of adventures of blood and mystery. Mameena, the Child of Storm, appears at the summons of Zikali, lord of the "multitudes of spirits," and Allan Quatermain parleys stoutly for peace against the fraudulent machinations of the wizard. A little later, the evil counsels prevailing, comes the disaster of Isandhlwana. Allan Quatermain escaped from the slaughter, and was a witness to the later



ON THE WESTERN FRONT: A CANADIAN COOK MAKING TEA IN THE LINE.

Canadian War Records.

some fiction. It may be recommended to include in a hospital parcel for patients who tire easily and yet can take an hour's amusement from the printed page.



ON THE WESTERN FRONT: A CANADIAN ABOUT TO GO ON LEAVE TAKES HIS TUNIC TO THE TAILOR'S SHOP FOR REPAIRS.

The shop-front is made of salvaged iron, boards, and bricks. The tailor's sign is an old sewing-machine found among the ruins of a village.—[Canadian War Records.]

the author lay down his pen can be understood to the full by the reader who takes up "The Ivory Tower" to-day. It is at least as much out of harmony with the world after three years of war as it was in 1914. When peace has settled upon the English-speaking countries, and libraries are places of leisure once more—then, but not, we think, till then, will the fragment receive attention or command interest. And even then it will be read as something curious, something with the flavour of unrealities or conditions so long lost that the mind cannot bend itself to their appreciation. . . . Which is as much as to say that it will never be a living book. It was well-intentioned to publish "The Ivory Tower"; but we cannot think that the time was well-chosen. The frivolous will not be able to read it, and the intelligent have more vital matters to concentrate their minds upon.

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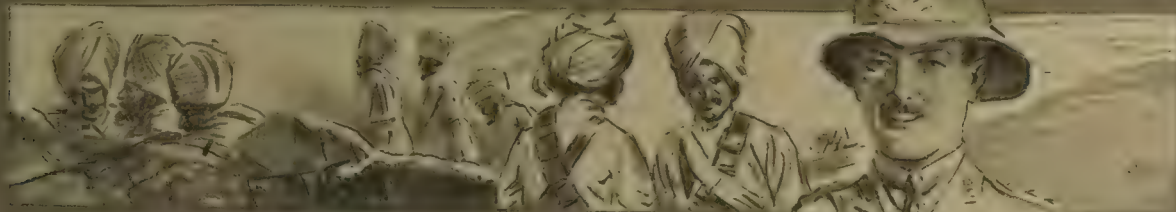
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## LITERATURE.

**Memoirs of Gen. Sir H. H. Parr.** The Recollections and Correspondence of Major-General Sir Henry Hallam Parr, K.C.B., have been edited by

Sir Charles Fortescue-Brickdale, and are published by Mr. Fisher Upwin. Sir Harry was a distinguished soldier of mid and later Victorian days, whose useful work continued well into the present century. He came of a very old military family, claiming descent from a brother of Katherine Parr. He was born in 1847, the younger son of Thomas Clements Parr, barrister-at-law (one of the few Parris who followed a civilian calling), and was educated at Eton. At fifteen he passed into Sandhurst, and thence into the 13th Light Infantry. He rose in his career, and at thirty received his first Staff appointment, that of Military Secretary to Sir Bartle Frere, Governor of the Cape Province, South Africa. Parr, therefore, came in for his share of active service in the Boer, Kafir, and Zulu wars, for his work in which he was mentioned in despatches. To him fell the duty of meeting the Empress Eugénie when

she came to South Africa to see the place where the Prince Imperial had fallen. A long spell of duty in Egypt added to Sir Henry's reputation. At thirty-eight years of age he was full Colonel, and at forty he was second in command of the Egyptian Army. He would very likely have become Sirdar had not his health broken down. He refused to have his place kept open for him, and came home to recruit. Various commands at home occupied him until the outbreak of the South African War, when he took over the South-Eastern District. It was a great disappointment to him that his health did not permit him to go to the front, where he would otherwise have held a high command. At fifty-five he reluctantly retired, and there his most active career ended; but he resumed his connection with the Army in 1910, when he was appointed Colonel of his regiment, the Somerset Light Infantry. He did much admirable work for the Territorial Force. Sir Henry's Memoirs contain many graphic personal narratives of great events. Of Korne's Drift he has left a thrilling account. His sidelights on our Egyptian campaigns make excellent reading. A small touch of peculiar interest to this Journal occurs in a letter describing the famous affair of McNeill's zereba (March 1884). "I sent down my telegram to you by Melton Prior of *The Illustrated London News*." The book is one of those pleasant records which soldiers of long service and distinguished experience seem to make inevitably; whether they write their books in full themselves, or leave materials to the hand of their literary executor, the result is the same.

Luderitzbucht, but also the wonders of the Avas Mountains. The author, with his scientific training, and a natural eye for country, is able to give his narrative the interest of a sound book of travel. The story, now pretty well known to us, of



ON THE WESTERN FRONT: A GERMAN NOTICE IN FRENCH ON A SMALL TRUCK, IN A VILLAGE CAPTURED BY THE CANADIANS.

A Canadian soldier is seen helping a comrade to adjust his gas-mask. When they vacated the village, the Germans took the civilian population with them.

*Canadian War Records.*

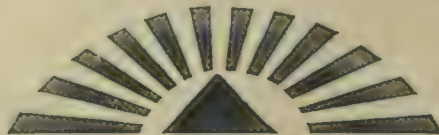


A GERMAN NAME GIVEN TO A STREET OUTSIDE LENS! CANADIAN OFFICERS INTERESTED.

*Canadian War Records.*

**A Doctor in Damaraland.** Some very excellent illustrations at once attract us to "A Doctor's Diary in Damaraland" (Edward Arnold). One can tell that the photographs they reproduce were taken in a clear, dry air. Of similar quality is the air of the text, its lucidity, and the absence from it of atmospheric artifice being due to the diary form into which it is cast. The author, Dr. H. F. B. Walker, was with the ambulance attached to the 3rd Brigade (Myburg's) with General Botha's Northern Force in the campaign in German South-West Africa. This force gathered at Swakupmund. The Doctor's unit pushed through to the old capital, Otjimbingwe, where a hospital was established for a time, and then transferred to Winduk, remaining there from the end of May until Col. Franke's surrender in the second week in July. The return journey to Cape Town, which was reached three weeks later, after an absence of six months, gave an opportunity for seeing dreary

the dash on Winduk, is filled out with luminous detail in these matter-of-fact pages. We recommend a perusal especially of the chapters, "The Trek" and "Otjimbingwe," for a realisation of the hardships endured and privations suffered by General Botha's column in the struggle forward along the line of the Swakup River; yet Dr. Walker says that, while this Northern Force received most of the kudos of the campaign, its trials never approached those of the Central column, or even of the Eastern and Southern, who advanced to Keetmanshoop. Writing among the German civilian population of Luderitz, Dr. Walker says: "One feels one is at grips with a madman, a madman stimulated by egotism and hate. It is most uncanny living among them. So sure are they of their superiority, their omnipotence, their Divine right almost, that one is at times almost persuaded, and doubts one's own sanity. . . . Intelligence without wisdom, strength without restraint, purpose without pity, egotism naked and unabashed—these are the forces civilisation is up against."



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come as a surprise to many to learn that this supply is by no means so secure or so inexhaustible as was at one time believed. This disconcerting state of affairs, he explains, is due in part to the enormously increased toll on our fishing-grounds, and in part to direct and avoidable destruction of immature fish; and this is a matter which

appreciation of the life and work of the late Sir John Murray, one of the greatest of our oceanographers, who has earned the gratitude not only of his own countrymen, but of all who go down to the sea in great ships and see the wonders of the deep. Finally, by way of a standard, as it were, wherewith to measure the achievements of science in the twentieth century, two charming essays are given at the end of the volume—the one on "Zoology in the Time of Shakespeare," the other on "The Revival of Science in the Seventeenth Century." Much of this book has already been published elsewhere, but we are, for this very reason, the more grateful to have it presented in its present more accessible and revised form. Even in these distressful times it is a book to possess rather than to borrow from the lending library.

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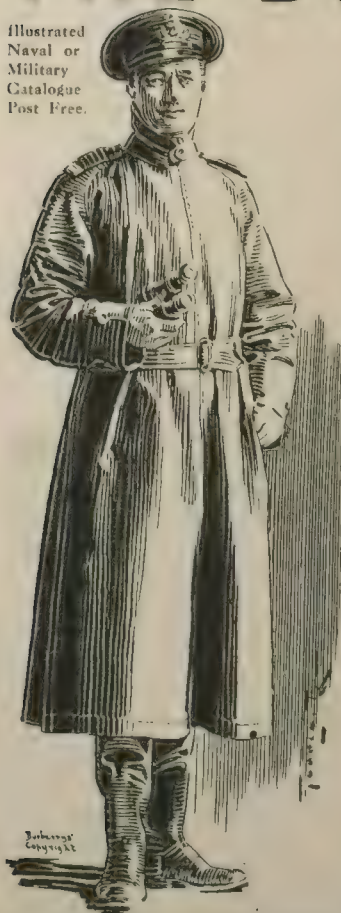
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calls for most earnest consideration on the part of our expert advisers. This chapter is surely one of the most important in the whole volume, for, while the others to which reference has been made set forth the achievements of science, here he reveals a gigantic and vital task awaiting attack. The more widely it is read the sooner will a dangerous situation come within a measurable distance of solution. As a fitting sequel to these two chapters on the sea, Dr. Shipley adds a most able and sympathetic

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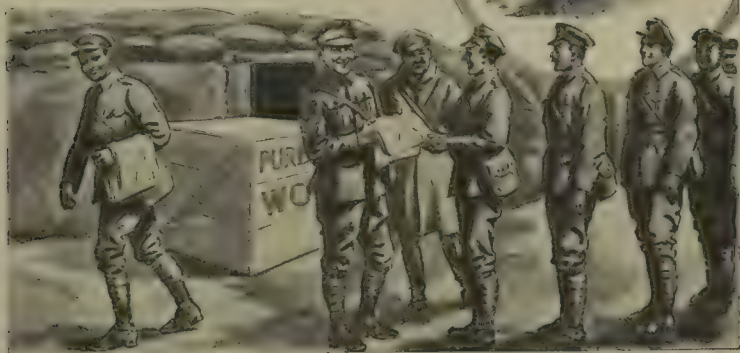
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## HERE AND THERE IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE.

It is surprising, even in these days of war and war work, to find how game-shooting has been reduced. A friend of mine, elderly and with two sons at the war, is the happy possessor of a partridge manor, and has found the greatest difficulty in getting guns. A week ago he managed to muster five, including himself, for a day's sport. The beaters were small boys who had been persuaded to devote their holiday to the job, and they were drilled and directed by two old men, one an ex-keeper who is stone-deaf. There should have been eight guns, but three of them could not get sufficient cartridges to justify them in taking extra days, as each has a little shooting of his own and wants all his cartridges for it.

The lack of cartridges is serious to the poor remains of the leisured classes. A veteran sportsman of my acquaint-

ance, who has been one of the best in England—because he couldn't raise sufficient cartridges for a week's shooting. Fortunately, the veteran has a small store, and was able to lend his friend five hundred. It is not so many years ago that, if it had been said that one man had lent another five hundred to take a summer holiday, nobody would have thought of cartridges.

In the meantime, while the few with a little leisure kill some of the many partridges and a few of the hedgerow pheasants that stoats have spared, the farmer is adapting his prejudices to the needs of the hour and learning to use machinery. As plough-horses have nearly doubled in value since the war, and the use of oats is almost prohibited, farmers have less choice in the matter than they would prefer to enjoy. I came across one the other day driving a double-furrow plough over a flat, dry piece of arable land with a steam-tractor that uses coal and water, and can be turned to a number of uses. It will grind his corn, and haul his wagons to the station, and perform in addition a number of other useful services on the land as long as that land is dry. The trouble is that a spell of wet weather makes a four or five-ton tractor more dangerous than useful in a field, and it is, of course, of little account in hilly country. Many farmers dislike ploughing and other machines on account of their weight. Under certain conditions, they press the ground down as if it had been rammed.

I don't know whether it is patriotism or the attractive costume that has brought so many young women on to the land; but I seem to see them in every parish, and the cry is still "They come." During the spring and summer they have been doing very good work. At haytime and harvest they were invaluable; and such gardens as have survived the exodus of the gardeners owe the most of their present beauty to women's quickly trained hands. But it

is doubtful whether more than a small percentage of the women now at work will endure the strain of winter labour on heavy clay soils. It is hard, cold, heavy, and unpleasant, and few who know what it is like are surprised



ON THE WESTERN FRONT: REPAIRING A GUN FOR USE IN THE ADVANCE

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ance, now an invalid, met an old friend of his in town in the early days of August; and in course of their chat, that friend told him he was writing to refuse an invitation to



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to find that women shrink from it. They will remain invaluable in the dairies, if farmers do not turn all their cows into beef. At the same time, it is only fair to say that the charming damsels I have seen, in the past few months are not met in picturesque groups, laughing and displaying their front teeth as though they were musical-comedy actresses, after the familiar fashion revealed in so many of the illustrated papers. They have been too serious to pose, and perhaps too tired. They have learnt that the born agricultural labourer knows how to carry out every task in the most efficient fashion, and have gone freely to him for advice, so that the old-comers and the new-comers appear to be on the best of terms.

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The greatest change in the countryside is the breaking up of the pastures. Before the war there were in every county scores of fields that produced nothing better than a poor crop of meadow hay, and the farmer was content to leave them at that. The Board of Agriculture wants three million acres of this poor land ploughed up, cleaned, and put down to corn, or else fallowed and prepared for corn against the autumn of the coming year. This task has entailed an immense amount of fresh labour, and will not be properly accomplished until Mr. Henry Ford from Detroit, who seems to have something like a Government monopoly for motor-tractors, is able to deliver the goods. It is said that these tractors will be here by the spring—not too late to be of great service; and in the meantime the work has to be done as best it can with the material that is to hand. Agricultural committees have been travelling from farm to farm throughout the country and giving the farmer his orders. Needless to say, it is readily possible to find people who are far more popular than the members of these committees, and the comments of the farmers do not err on the side of flattery. But the work is being done, and that, perhaps, is the one thing that matters.

### "A KISS OR TWO," AT THE LONDON PAVILION

TIME brings strange revenges, and surely none, so far as our little London stage is concerned, can be deemed stranger than the conquest of the London Pavilion by legitimate drama. If ever there was a variety theatre that might have seemed pledged eternally to variety, it was the "Pav.," one of the pioneers of West-End music-halls, the scene of the triumphs of Jennie Hill, Macdermott,

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ON THE WESTERN FRONT: DUG-OUTS NEAR AN OVERFLOW FROM THE YPRES-COMINES CANAL.

Note the neat foot-bridge, the work of the occupants of the dug-out. [Official Photograph.]

and Marie Lloyd. Yet here it is, following the example of the Oxford—nay, going further, discarding even the trappings of the revue in the shape of song and dance, and giving itself over to the tender mercies of Mr. H. V. Esmond, who of course, on his side, is making, in partnership with Mr. Charles Macdonald, no less of an experiment than his theatre. It is very light farce, it is true, that he is offering, as the title of his little farce of sentiment implies:

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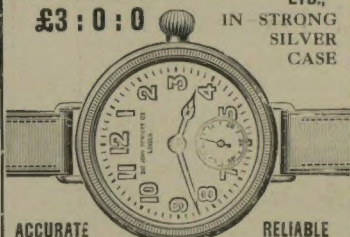
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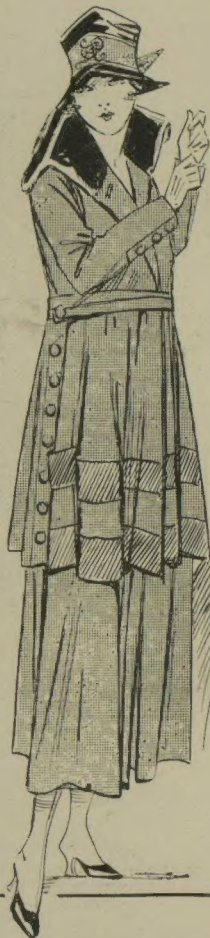
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## A New Legislative Council of Motoring.

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under which a single main road is administered by over seventy separate and distinct authorities! And it seems to follow that, when this anachronistic state of things comes up for revision by Parliament, such revision cannot be left entirely to the mercies of permanent officials, tied by precedent and red-tape, and to amateur legislators who have no knowledge of the highly specialised questions arising out of highways administration. The matter certainly seems to call for the advice and services of a body having first-hand expert knowledge of use and construction, and it does not seem possible to visualise a better or more competent advisory authority than this new Council. This, too, is only one direction in which it can do good work, not only for motoring in particular, but for the whole national transport interest in general. Certainly its constitution is a long step in the right direction.

## Too Many Magnetos!

Truly the war has made vast changes in our industries! Prior to the outbreak of the world-struggle we were dependent upon Germany for almost every magneto fitted to our cars. When the war came and the main supply was dammed at its source, we were compelled to go to American factories to fill the hiatus. Now the position is that, assessing the demand on the known basis of that of the year before the war, we are making in Britain nearly double the number of magnetos we require to satisfy our own needs. And, what is more, the British magneto at its worst is equal to the best pre-war machine of German make, and at its best is a long way in front of its enemy rival. I do not know that the fact of our making too many magnetos should disquiet the British manufacturer—there are signs that he is getting a little nervous about the future. Except in America—and even there the German magneto had attained a considerable vogue—Germany practically held the trade of the world in this direction. With a better machine, with which we shall be able to get in first, we should surely be able to keep the Hun out of the overseas markets. Over and above that, I do not think it is sound to take pre-war figures as a guide to the future, because

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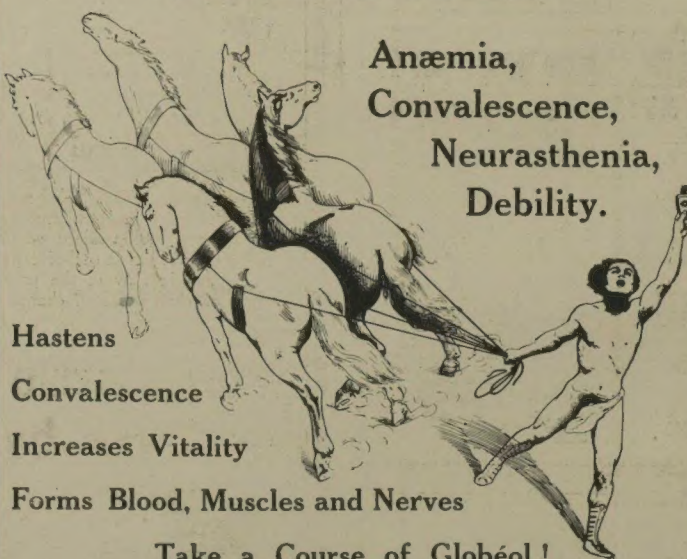
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## CHESS.

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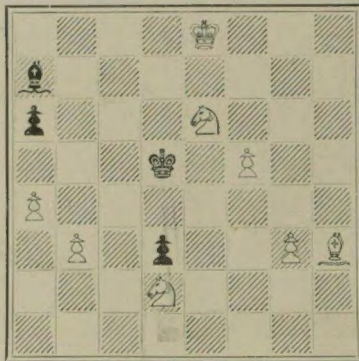
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SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 3767.—By R. J. Bland.

WHITE	BLACK
1. Q to R 4th	K takes R
2. Q to R 5th (ch)	R interposes
3. Q or Kt mates.	

If Black play, 1. B to Kt 3rd, 2. R to B 2nd; if 2. R to Q 6th, 2. Q to K 5th (ch); if 1. Kt to B 3rd, 2. R to B 4th (ch); and if 1. P to K 4th, then 2. Q to R sq, etc.

PROBLEM No. 3770.—By H. P. L. MEYER.  
BLACK.

WHITE.

White to play, and make in three moves.

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## CHESS IN BOURNEMOUTH.

Game played between Mr. O. H. LABONE and Dr. HART.  
(Two Knights Defence.)

WHITE (Mr. L.)	BLACK (Dr. H.)
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th
2. Kt to K B 3rd	Kt to Q B 3rd
3. B to B 4th	Kt to B 3rd
4. Kt to Kt 5th	

An old-fashioned continuation, which is now generally discarded in favour of P to Q 4th. It gains a Pawn, but gives Black a strong counter-attack. Steinitz's attempt to restore it to favour led to his memorable defeat by Tschigorin.

4. P to Q 4th	P to Q 4th
5. P takes P	Kt to Q R 4th
6. B to Kt 5 (ch)	P to B 3
7. P takes P	P takes P
8. B to K 2nd	

Q to B 3rd opens up some lively play—there is a brilliant example by Hoffer, for instance, arising from it—but its soundness is questionable.

8. P to K R 3rd	P to K R 3rd
9. Kt to K B 3rd	P to K 5th
10. Kt to K 5th	P to Q 5th
11. P to K B 4th	B to Q B 4th
12. R to B 3rd	Q to Q sq

Recommended by Steinitz in one of his notes to the games illustrating this opening.

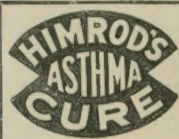
So far the game is identical with one, Rolland v. Guest, given in the *Morning Post*. Now White played P to Q Kt 4th and won a piece.

15. P takes P on pass.	P takes P on pass.
16. B takes P	B takes R
17. K takes B	B to Kt 3rd
18. Q to K 2nd	Castles
19. Kt to R 2nd	R to K sq
20. Q to K 5th	Q to K 2nd
21. Kt to B 2nd	Q to B 4th

Throwing away all his advantage for an illusory object. White has now, in any case, a draw by perpetual check. Q to B 3rd should have won.

22. Q takes P (ch)	K to R sq
23. Kt to Kt 6 (ch)	K to R 2nd
24. Kt to Q 4th	Kt to K 6th (ch)
25. B takes Kt	R takes B
26. Kt to B 5th	R to K 8th (ch)
27. K to Kt 2nd	Resigns.

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